

YOUR PROBLEMS
by **Ann Landers**

"How Come His Hand is Shaking..."

Dear Ann Landers: Recently I had a date with a man who is a perfectionist. He informed me that when a gentleman lights a cigarette for a lady she is supposed to steady the hand which holds the lighter or the match.

I told him I had never heard that this was considered "a must." He sarcastically replied, "Well, it's obvious that you never went to charm school."

He claims girls in the right circles know the little niceties and this is what makes them special. Then he added — "A first class gentleman won't settle for a girl who has no poise and is unsure of herself."

How about this? — MIDLAND MISS

Dear Miss: If he is so well poised and "sure of himself" how come his hand is shaking?

Dear Ann Landers: This is a hard letter for me to write. I will be 18 soon. My mother remarried when I was nine. I always disliked my stepfather. Now I hate him. We have had many hot arguments which ended in cut lips and bruises — for me.

My problem is this: I want to leave home as soon as I am 18. My stepfather says I can leave after I graduate from high school but not before. This means one more year of misery.

My girl friend's parents are wonderful and have offered to rent me a room in their home. (I work and earn my own money.)

Please tell me if I can legally leave. Also what do you think of it. — ROCHESTER ROY

Dear Roy: State laws vary, but let's skip that aspect of your problem.

My advice is this: Stay at home until you have graduated from high school. Keep out of your stepfather's way and try to avoid locking horns with him.

Don't move into the home of your girl friend's parents — either now or later. If you want to move after graduation, find a room with strangers, or go to the YMCA.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm almost ashamed to write about my problems which seem so trivial after some of the others I've read in your column, but I do need help.

My husband works nights. Our car sits in the garage all day. My mother and my mother-in-law are both along in years. They often phone and ask me to drive them to the doctor's, the beauty shop, the dressmaker's, the grocery store and so on. I don't mind doing it for either one of them.

When my husband gets up and learns that I've taken the car on an errand for someone else he becomes furious. He says I am not to run a taxi service for anybody — his mother or mine.

I've told him I consider it a pleasure to drive these elderly women around. He says if I write to you'll tell me I'm being played for a fool. Am I? — MRS. J. T.

Dear Mrs.: Your husband sounds like a spoiled brat. If you want to take his mother or yours for errands while he sleeps, there should be no complaints from the peanut gallery. It deprives him of nothing.

Confidential to MRS. F. J.: It is not proper to attend the funeral of a stranger. A person who would do this is merely looking for someplace to go.

To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Copyright, 1961, Field Enterprises, Inc.

Houseguest

Mrs. John Dowling of Los Angeles arrived Monday to spend the week here with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara and family.



HELP US PLAY SANTA CLAUS . . . Drifters Square Dance club, members of the Square D. Assn., will sponsor a benefit dance, admission to which is a toy to be donated to the Salvation Army for needy children of the area at Christmas time. The dance will be held Friday evening, Dec. 15, at the Hi-Loft Dance hall, 2013 Pacific Coast Hwy., between Narbonne and Western, at 8 p.m. Door prizes, donated by South Bay merchants, will be

awarded throughout the evening. Installation of new officers for the club will also be held at this time. The public is invited to join in this evening of fun, food, and dancing. Ready for their Yuletide benefit are first row, seated, Mmes Marvin Reece, Ted Bradley and Bonnie Heckendorf. Back row, Jim Palmer, Marvin Reece, Phillip Tarling and Ted Bradley.



JUNE ANN ROTH . . . Plans Wedding

June Roth's Engagement Revealed

The announcement of the engagement of their daughter, June Ann, to Paul W. Trammell is being made this morning by Mr. and Mrs. William Roth, 2121 W. 178th St., Torrance.

No date has been set for the wedding. The bride-elect is a graduate of North High School and is now attending El Camino college.

Mr. Trammell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Audrey W. Trammell, 4533 W. 147th St., Lawndale, was a graduate from Leusinger High school. He attended El Camino college and is employed at Pioneer Flintkote.

AAUW Christmas Tea Set Sunday Afternoon

Gay Christmas mobiles outside the door will greet the members of the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills branch of the American Association of University Women when they attend the annual holiday tea at the home of Mrs. Gerald K. DeJonge, 1017 Via Ventana, Palos Verdes Estates, on the afternoon of Dec. 10, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

In the wide entry hall a creche will accent the true meaning of Christmas, and arrangements of bright balls, candies, and holiday greens throughout the house and on the terrace will add to the festive Yuletide spirit.

Greeting the guests will be Mrs. Harold Simar, branch president; Mrs. Thomas Harding, membership chairman and first vice president; Mrs. H. C. McLendon, program chairman and second vice president; Mrs. R. A. Stackhouse, recording secretary; Mrs. Hugh L. Hixon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Raymond Oddone, treasurer; Mrs. Calvin N. Warfield, parliamentarian; Mrs. Edwin Bobrow, historian; Dr. Mildred Sayer Miller, past president; and Dr. Maxine Ziegler, chairman of the international relations study group.

Acting as special hostesses will be Mmes. Robert Ferguson, Frank Fisher, Joseph Goodwin, Donald Randolph, Arthur Weber, and John R. Walchli.

Presiding at the tea table, on which a giant punch bowl

filled with bright balls will be featured, will be Mmes. Fred C. Allen, E. W. Casagrande, Lee E. Garwood, John C. King, Frances Scott, and William G. Stuart.

Mrs. Henry G. Petterson, creative arts chairman, has arranged an exhibit of paintings and ceramics done by members of the branch, which will be shown in the den and on the patio. She has also announced that the book section members will be ready to receive any good children's books, either new or old, which will be sent to the Crippled Children's Guild of the Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles, as they were last year. There is also need for books for adults as well as magazines in good condition.

Home From Trips

Mrs. Marie Beale spent the holiday week in Sun City, Ariz., visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Beale had just returned from a two weeks trip to her former home in Leechburg, Pa., where she visited with relatives and friends and attended the 40th reunion of her high school class.

Return For Winter

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boonstra have returned to their home at 3833 Spencer St. to spend the winter months. The Boonstras have been living in the High Sierras, having built a new home in the Mountain Home sections of Sequoia National Park.

Teen-Miss Deadline Date Near

Dec. 15 is the deadline for the fourth annual "Teen-Aged Miss" contest, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

The contest is open to teen-age girls of the area, who will be judged on their scholastic ability, B average or better, personality, and activities outside of school.

Entry blanks may be secured at the YWCA, Torrance Library, El Retiro Library, McMasters Park Library, or Waleria Library.

Blanks must be filled out and returned to the YWCA or Mrs. Kenneth Boulter, Teen-Age Miss contest chairman.

The winner will enter the district contest where the prize is a \$25 bond. She will also be honored at the state convention in San Francisco.

New Waleria Garden Club Is Organized

In keeping with the growth of the community, is the organization of another women's club to be known as the Waleria Garden Club.

The group, organized to promote community and home beautification through gardening, has chosen as its motto, "With God in Nature, We Walk Hand in Hand."

The new club will meet the third Wednesday of each month in the homes of members. A closed membership will constitute the enrollment of 25 members.

Serving as first officers for the new organization are Mrs. Henry Klempan, president; Mrs. Howard Dinwiddie, vice president and program chairman; Mrs. Otto Maier, secretary; Mrs. Edward Carden, treasurer, and Mrs. Donald

Club's Yule Party Friday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, 22615 Fern Ave., will be festively decorated in the Christmas theme, Friday evening when Mrs. Davis' bridge club members entertain their husbands at an annual holiday party.

A pot luck dinner will be served at decorated tables followed by an evening of bridge.

Attending the club party with Mr. and Mrs. Davis will be Messrs. and Mmes. William Gardner, Clifford Treize, J. G. Louvier, Frank Neff, Lee Clotworthy, Kenneth Boulter, and Edward Aiken.

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A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT . . . This handpainted outdoor Nativity scene, painted by Mrs. Dale Sutton, will be a special door prize at the St. Catherine Laboure Women's Council Christmas party on Dec. 14. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to send a nun to Ireland to visit her family, including a sister, also a nun, whom she has not seen in 28 years. Admiring the painting are from left, Mmes Joseph Remlinger, party chairmen and James B. Banks, parish secretary.

Will Arrive From Holland

Expected to arrive from Holland during the holidays will be Mrs. Henry Boonstra, who will spend a year here with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boonstra, 2833 Spencer St.

Making his home presently with Mr. and Mrs. Boonstra is William Speckman, who was formerly with the Canadian Airlines as purser. He is now employed as assistant manager of the new International Inn in Long Beach.

At Parish Hall

Council's Party Will Aid Kentucky Mission

St. Catherine Laboure's Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual Christmas party on Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

Instead of exchanging gifts among the women, the members are each bringing a wrapped gift for the Glen-

chairmen are Mrs. R. L. Gordon, refreshments; Mrs. Dorothy Perkins, coffee; and Mrs. Wayne Aldredge, hostesses and servers.

Entertainment will consist of a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Walter Hanf.

On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, 2400 Apple St., have returned from a week's vacation spent with friends in Joshua Tree, Palm Springs, and Idyllwild.



A PARTY IN THE MAKING . . . Members of the Torrance Lioness club are buzzing with excitement as they prepare for the annual Christmas buffet dance to be held this year on Saturday at the Clarence Clark home, 1432 W. 172nd St. Husbands, of course, will be special guests. In the party mood are, from left, Mmes John Peilerin, counting dishes, Cecil Powell, folding napkins; Clarence Clark and Albert Isen, doing an over-all check and Milton Isbell, polishing the silver.



CHARTER THE COURSE . . . Activities of the new Waleria Garden Club will be directed by this panel of first officers, from left, Mmes Otto Maier, secretary; Donald Weymouth, historian; Edward Carden, treasurer; Howard Dinwiddie, vice-president and program chairman; and Henry Klempan, president.